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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HARTLEY *et al.*

Appl. No.: (To be assigned; Continuation of
U.S. Appl. No. 09/296,281)

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For: **Recombinational Cloning Using
Nucleic Acids Having
Recombination Sites**

Art Unit: (To be assigned)

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution in the above-captioned matter, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. These amendments and remarks are provided in the following format:

(A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;

(B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP § 714; and

(C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and

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